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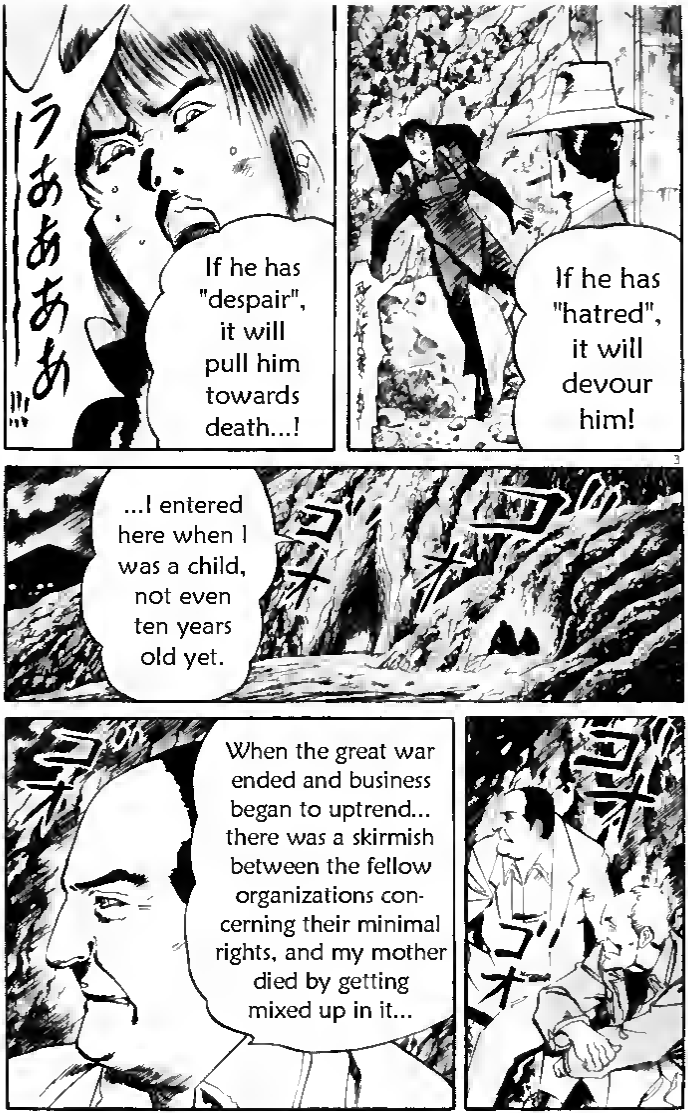
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If he has "despair", it will pull him towards death...!
If he has "hatred", it will devour him!
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...I entered here when I was a child, not even ten years old yet.
When the great war ended and business began to uptrend... there was a skirmish between the fellow organizations concerning their minimal rights, and my mother died by getting mixed up in it...

I went to beg the demon that inhabits the catacombs to please unite me with my mother...
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I was beaten and grilled by my father, but I didn't have a single memory of what I saw inside.
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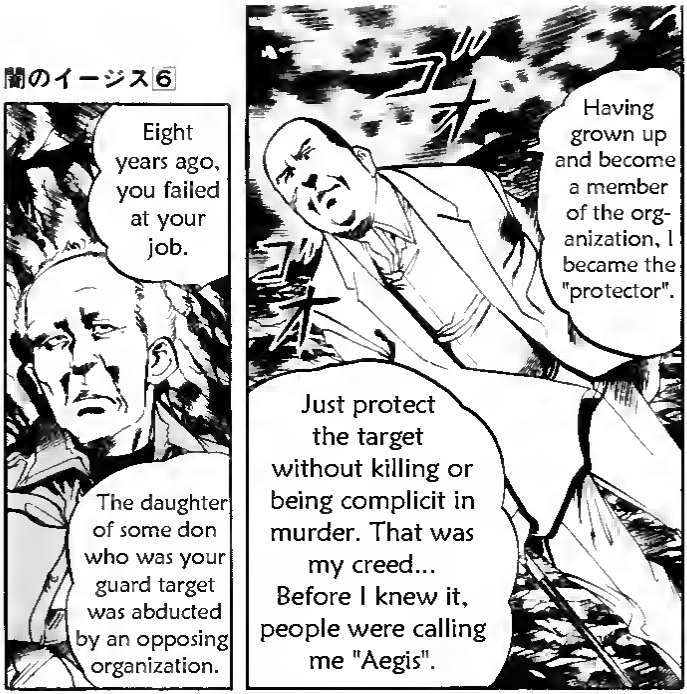
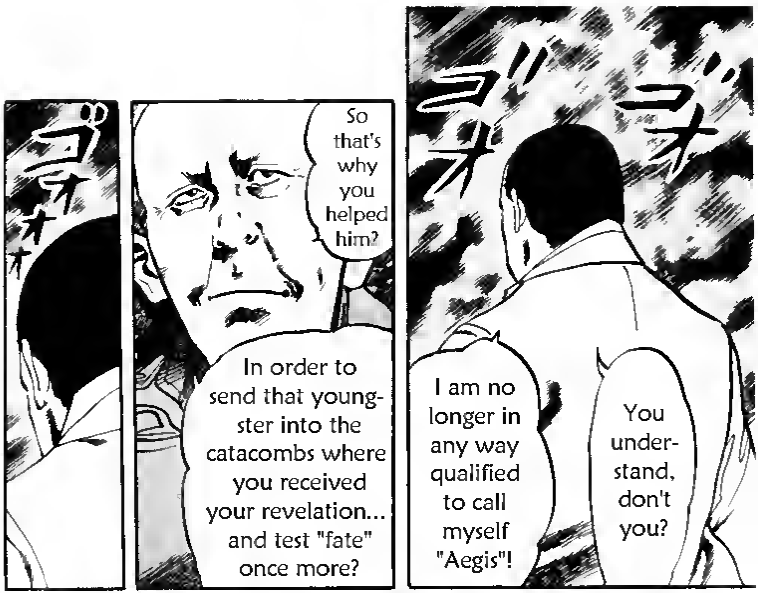
Three days later, I was discovered in front of the catacombs by men on a mountain hunt.
because I was tightly grasping that "proof" in my hand.
I only remembered that I had met someone.
I took it as a message ...
And that I'd promised something... and also that I myself was "changed"...


Eight years ago, you failed at your job.
The daughter of some don who was your guard target was abducted by an opposing organization.
Having grown up and become a member of the organization, I became the "protector".
Just protect the target without killing or being complicit in murder. That was my creed... Before I knew it, people were calling me "Aegis".

You forget yourself in your rage and killed the criminals...
Bare-handed.
When she was discovered, she had been raped and murdered. She was just 14 years old...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You understand, don't you?
I am no longer in any way qualified to call myself "Aegis"!
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So that's why you helped him?
In order to send that youngster into the catacombs where you received your revelation... and test "fate" once more?
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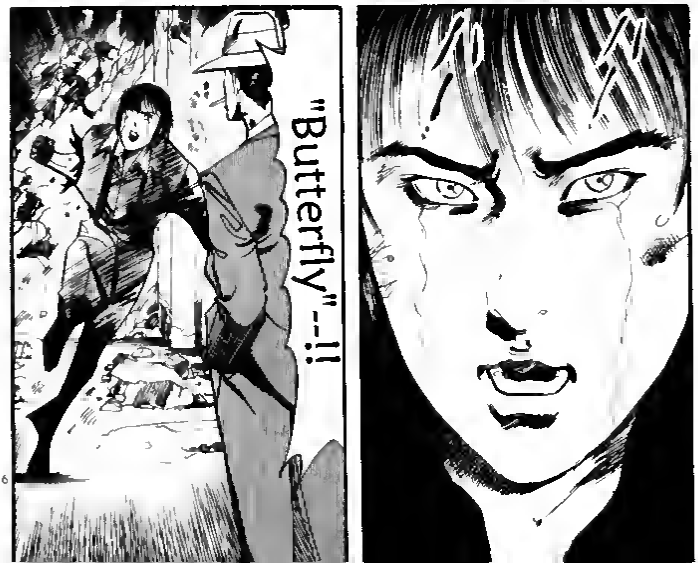
"Butterfly"--!!

Die
!!
You killed them !!!
You killed my every-thing!!
You killed my family!

I will kill you!
This time, I'll kill you!
I wi-
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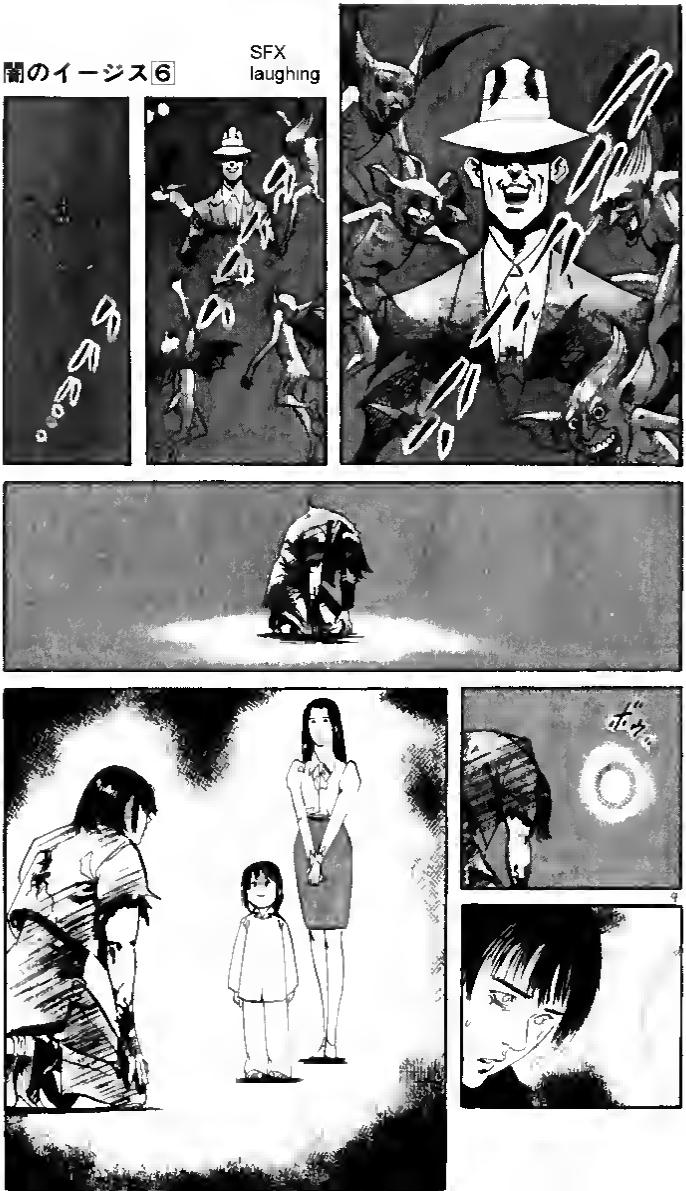
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Ma-
sato
...
Ha-
rumi
...
Papa
...
Let's go,
Papa...
Mama's
waiting
too.
Papa
...?

You are ...
not Masato ...
Masato died...
in this arm of mine ...
"Phantom limb"... Masato is in my right arm, even now...
gripping it...

I recklessly pursued the whereabouts of "Butterfly", roaming around the world... and I sought the power of "Aegis" that can defeat guns bare-handed...
because, if I could surrender myself to "hatred", it was easier...
I finally under-stand ...
I've con-tinued running ... all this time...
I'm not ... running any more ...!
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Don't run ...!
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That's what this right arm is commanding of me!

I won't let anyone die ...!
You're holding onto Papa's hand, look ...!
You think I'd let you die?! I promise, I'll definitely save you, Masato!
Papa ... am I going to die ...?
Never again no matter what ... I promise ...!

Do you believe in miracles, Kashihara?
Sorry, but I'm a realist.

Well then, the answer has appeared... he won the gamble.

What do you intend to do with him, Russo?
"Ae-gis" ...
The goddess Athena's invincible shield, "Aegis" in English, huh...
the art of the "protector" that I spent half my life learning... the entirety of "Aegis"!
I'll try to teach him ...

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TL: Up to now, "Aegis" has been written as "aigisu", instead of the normal "i~jisu", in Kashihara's last speech bubble, it's written as "i~jisu" again, and unless otherwise noted, is like that from now on out

You're the one who said it, right? People choose their own fate...
So you admit it, that fate chose him?
Fare-well, com-rade.

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WHAT THE HELL ?!?!
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This is the last time I'm doing acid!